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SUBJ: FINNISH USE OF MIA MILIA

1. FINNISH CONTINGENT COMMANDER LTCOL JORMA PULLINEN HAS APPROACHED EMBASSY WITH REQUEST TO USE OUR OLD TELECOMMUNICATIONS FACILITY AT MIA MILIA AS HQ AND BILLET FOR EXPANDED FINNISH CONTINGENT. FINNS ARE DIVIDING KYRENIA DISTRICT WITH BRITS TAKING OVER EASTERN HALF, AND NEED TO BE CLOSER TO OWN AREA THAN PRESENT TENT CAMP NEAR AIRPORT.

2. BUILDING ITSELF IS EMPTY SHELL. FINNISH OCCUPATION WOULD NOT INTERFERE WITH COMPLETION OF REMOVAL OF POLE FARM AROUND SITE. FINNISH COMMANDER UNDERSTOOD THAT FINNS WOULD HAVE TO PROVIDE EVERYTHING FOR THEMSELVES, WOULD BE EXPECTED TO ASSUME LIABILITY FOR ANYTHING RESULTING FROM THEIR OCCUPATION AND TO RETURN PROPERTY IN PRESENT SHAPE.

3. LOCATION IS WITHIN PROSPECTIVE CEASEFIRE BUFFER ZONE. FINNS CANNOT MOVE INTO IFINOW, UNTIL BUFFER ZONE ARRANGE-
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MENTS COMPLETED. WILL HOWEVER NEED ANSWER WITHIN NEXT

FEW DAYS.

4. FINNISH HOPE OCCUPATION WOULD BE TEMPORARY. IF FEASIBLE, THEY WOULD LIKE TO MOVE HQ TO OLD NATIONAL GUARD RAIDER HQ AT AYIOS CHRYSOSTOMOS. (THIS IS STILL NOT IN TURK-OCCUPIED AREA, BUT REMAINING GREEKS WILL PRESUMABLY HAVE TO LEAVE TO CREATE BUFFER ZONE.) UNFICYP ARRANGEMENTS HAVE HABIT OF BECOMING PERMANENT, HOWEVER, SO WE SHOULD PRESERVE RIGHT TO RECOVER BUILDING ON SPECIFIED NOTICE.

5. EMBASSY RECOMMENDS WE MAKE BUILDING AVAILABLE. IF DEPT CONCURS, NEED TELEGRAPHIC ADVICE AS TO LANGUAGE TO PUT INTO AGREEMENT FOR OCCUPANCY.

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